



Walsall Metropolitan Borough

Minutes of the **ADJOURNED MEETING** of the Council of the Walsall Metropolitan Borough held on **Wednesday 25th May, 2005, at 6.00 p.m.** at the Council House.

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR J.R. COOK (MAYOR) IN THE CHAIR

Councillor Mrs. B.V. McCracken (Dep Mayor)	Councillor T.S.Oliver
" A.J.A. Andrew	" A.J. Paul
" T.G. Ansell	" G. Perry
" D.A. Anson	" K. Phillips
" C.M. Ault	" D.J. Pitt
" J.M. Barton	" Mrs. E.E. Pitt
" L.A. Beeley	" M.G. Pitt
" A.G. Bentley	" I.C. Robertson
" Mrs. J. Beilby	" R.S. Robinson
" M.A. Bird	" J. Rochelle
" P. Bott	" C.E.M. Rose
" M.R. Burley	" B. Sanders
" B. Cassidy	" H.S. Sarohi
" K. Chambers	" K. Sears
" A.G. Clarke	" Mrs. D.A. Shires
" R.J.H. Collins	" I. Shires
" S.P. Coughlan	" C.D.D. Towe
" B.A. Douglas-Maul	" D.J. Turner
" A.E. Griffiths	" W.T. Twedde
" A.D. Harris	" A. Underhill
" A.D. Johnson	" R.A. Walker
" M. Longhi	" V.G. Woodruff
" S.W. Madeley	" M. Yasin
" Ms. R.A. Martin	" P.A. Young
" Mrs. C. Micklewright	" Zahid Ali
" M. Munir	

12. **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Arif, Aslam, Harrison, Khan, Hughes and Withnall.

13. **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Sears declared a personal interest in Acorn Home Care.

14. **Formation of political groups and appointments on Committees**

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ansell, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

- (1) That the Council notes the receipt of returns from political groups.
- (2) That members be appointed to serve on Committees for the municipal year 2005/2006 as follows:-

Audit Committee

Councillors Chambers, Griffiths, Martin, D. Pitt, Robertson, D.A. Shires, Turner.

Appointments Board

Councillors Ansell, O'Hare, Phillips, I. Shires.
2 Cabinet members relevant to the appointment
1 Labour group member relevant to the appointment

Development Control Committee

Ward:	Councillor:
Aldridge Central & South	Rochelle
Aldridge North & W. Wood	Collins
Bentley & Darlaston North	Madeley
Birchills-Leamore	Barton
Blakenall	Robinson
Bloxwich East	Beeley
Bloxwich West	Harrison
Brownhills	Turner
Darlaston South	Burley
Paddock	Sanders

Palfrey
Pelsall
Pheasey Park Farm
Pleck
Rushall-Shelfield
Short Heath
St. Matthews
Streetly
Willenhall North
Willenhall South

Yasin
Ault
Bird
Anson
Micklewright
Cook
Khan
Douglas-Maul
Bentley
Underhill

Employment Appeals

Councillor Beilby, Cook, Douglas-Maul, Micklewright, Oliver, Rose, Sarohi.

Licensing and Safety Committee

Councillors Barton, Beeley, Beilby, Bentley, Cassidy, Clarke, Johnson, Micklewright, Robinson, Rochelle, Rose, Sarohi, Sears, Tweddle.

LEA Governor Appointment Panel

Councillors Phillips, D.A. Shires Towe, Walker, Yasin.

Standards Committee

Councillors Bentley, Khan, O'Hare, Underhill
Mr. Bates, Mr. Meller, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Parsons (2 vacancies)

Childrens Services and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Arif, Bird, Cassidy, Chambers, Khan, Martin, E.E. Pitt, Walker, Withnall

1 representative of Lichfield Diocesan Education (voting)

1 representative of Archbishop of Birmingham (voting)

3 representatives of parent Governors (voting)

1 representative of Primary Education Teachers (non-voting)

1 representative of Secondary Education Teachers (non-voting)

Community Organisation, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Arif, Ault, Beeley, Beilby, Bott, Burley, Phillips, Towe, Woodruff.

Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Ault, Barton, McCracken, Munir, Oliver, D. Pitt, Robertson, Walker, Woodruff.

Regeneration, Environment, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Anson, Arif, Aslam, Harrison, Johnson, Robinson, Rose, I. Shires, Yasin.

Resources and Performance Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Councillors Chambers, Griffiths, Micklewright, Rochelle, Sanders, Sarohi, D.A. Shires, Turner, Young.

15. Petitions

The following petitions were submitted:-

- (a) Councillor M. Pitt – Yieldfields Hall Farm, Stafford Road, Bloxwich – telecommunications base station
- (b) Councillor Coughlan – “Dainty’s, Willenhall Town Centre – condition of property
- (c) Councillor Turner – 30 to 52 Fullelove Road, Brownhills on the future of the “green”
- (d) Councillor I. Shires – Wood Lane, Pelsall – supply of brown bins
- (e) Councillor Underhill – Willenhall Town Centre toilets
- (f) Councillor Phillips – Ryle Street and Valley Road junction – traffic calming
- (g) Councillor Robertson – Grenfell Road, Little Bloxwich – parking

16. Appointment of Leader of the Council

It was **moved** by Councillor O’Hare and duly seconded:-

That Councillor T.G. Ansell be appointed Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2005/2006.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:-

Resolved

That Councillor T.G. Ansell be appointed Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2005/2006.

17. **Appointment of Deputy Leader of the Council**

It was **moved** by Councillor Ansell and duly seconded:-

That Councillor O'Hare be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2005/2006.

On being put to the vote the motion was declared carried and it was:-

Resolved

That Councillor J.G. O'Hare be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the municipal year 2005/2006.

18. **Timetable of meetings 2005/2006**

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ansell, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

That the timetable of meetings for the municipal year 2005/2006 be approved.

19. **Appointment of members to the Executive and Cabinet**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting.

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to the Cabinet for the municipal year 2005/2006:-

Description of portfolio	Portfolio holder
Leader of the Council	Councillor Ansell
Deputy Leader of the Council and Resources	Councillor O'Hare
Childrens Services	Councillor Hughes
Environment and transport	Councillor Longhi
Housing and community safety	Councillor M.G. Pitt

Leisure and culture	Councillor Perry
Local partnerships	Councillor Zahid
Regeneration	Councillor Andrew
Social care and health	Councillor Paul

20. **Appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ansell, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

That the following members be appointed Chairmen and Vice-Chairman for 2005/2006:-

Committee	Chairman	Vice-Chairman
Audit	Councillor Turner	Councillor Martin
Appointments Board	Councillor Ansell	Councillor O'Hare
Development Control	Councillor Collins	Councillor Beeley
Employment Appeals	Councillor Douglas-Maul	Councillor Micklewright
LEA Governor Appointment Panel	Councillor Yasin	Councillor Towe
Licensing and Safety	Councillor Sears	Councillor Twedde
Childrens Services and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Bird	Councillor E.E. Pitt
Community Organisation Leisure and Culture Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Towe	Councillor Phillips
Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Oliver	Councillor Walker

Regeneration, Environment, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor I. Shires	Councillor Arif
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Resources and Performance Scrutiny and Performance Panel	Councillor Sanders	Councillor Sarohi
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21. **Membership of Local Neighbourhood Partnerships**

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor Ansell, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

That approval be given to the extension of the term of office of all locally appointed partners on Local Neighbourhood Partnerships for this municipal year.

22. **Appointments on outside bodies and charities**

A list was circulated around the Council Chamber prior to the meeting and the following nominations were made as set out.

(a) Outside bodies

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to serve on the following outside bodies for the municipal year 2005/2006:-

Local Government Association

Councillors Ansell (2 votes), Douglas-Maul, Oliver, I. Shires.

West Midlands Local Government Association Council

Councillor Ansell (4 votes) (Councillor Douglas-Maul alternate)
Councillors Oliver (2 votes) (Councillor Coughlan alternate)
Councillor I. Shires (1 vote) (Councillor E.E. Pitt alternate)

West Midlands Local Government Association Provincial Council

Councillors Griffiths (Councillor Harris substitute)

West Midlands Local Government Association Planning Partnership

Councillors Griffiths (4 votes) and Douglas Maul (Councillors Micklewright and Harris alternative members)
Councillor Oliver (2 votes) (Councillor Coughlan alternate)
Councillor Cook (1 vote) (Councillor Bentley alternate)

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

Councillors Douglas-Maul, M.G. Pitt and Underhill and that Councillors Douglas-Maul and M.G. Pitt be nominated to answer questions on Fire and Rescue matters during 2005/2006.

West Midlands Passenger Transport Authority

Councillors Clarke, Longhi and Chambers and that Councillors Clarke and Longhi be nominated to answer questions on Passenger Transport matters during 2005/2006.

West Midlands Joint Committee

Councillors Ansell (voting), O'Hare (non-voting) and Oliver (non-voting)

Advantage West Midlands Regeneration Zone

Councillor Andrew

Birmingham Airport Holdings Limited – Board

Councillor Collins

Black Country Consortium

Councillor Ansell (or nominee)

Black Country Groundwork Trust

Councillor Longhi

Black Country Investment: Management Group

Councillor O'Hare (or nominee)

Black Country Small Business Service Board

Councillor Towe

Safer Walsall Borough Partnership

Councillor M.G. Pitt

Steps to Work (Walsall) Limited

Councillor Ansell

South Staffs Water – Customer Consultative Committee

Councillor Rose

Supporting People Commissioning Governing Body

Councillor Paul

Walsall Helping Generations

Councillors Andrew, M. Pitt, Robertson

Walsall and Wolverhampton Transport Users Advisory Committee

Councillor Douglas-Maul

Walsall Citizens Advice Bureau

Councillors Cassidy, Rochelle

Walsall College of Continuing Education

Councillors Cassidy, Khan

Walsall Community Transport

Councillor Clarke

Walsall Voluntary Action

Councillors Phillips, Walker

Walsall Education Business Partnership

Councillors Griffiths, Towe

Walsall Museum and Arts Galleries Development Trust

Councillor Perry

Walsall Society for the Blind

Councillors Barton, Martin

West Midlands Joint Committee – Community Safety Sub-Committee

Councillor M.G. Pitt

West Midlands Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee

Councillors Longhi (voting), Douglas-Maul (non-voting), Chambers (substitute)

West Midlands Superannuation Committee, Investment Advisory Sub-Committee and Joint Consultative Panel

Councillors Zahid (voting), Chambers (substitute)

Housing Groups

The following nominations were received as set out on the list circulated:-

Walsall Housing Group

Councillors Coughlan, Sanders, I. Shires

Darlaston Housing Group

Councillor Burley

The following nominations were made to housing groups (Councillor Bott abstaining from each vote):-

Aldridge Brownhills Housing Group

Councillor Paul	34 votes
Councillor Cassidy	13 votes

Bloxwich Housing Group

Councillor Beeley	32 votes
Councillor Robertson	15 votes

Central Walsall Housing Group

Councillor Yasin	37 votes
Councillor Anson	15 votes

Willenhall Housing Group

Councillor Underhill	15 votes
Councillor Cook	37 votes

and it was:-

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to Housing Groups for the municipal year 2005/2006:-

Walsall:	Councillors Sanders, Coughlan, I. Shires
Aldridge Brownhills:	Councillor Paul
Bloxwich:	Councillor Beeley
Central Walsall:	Councillor Yasin
Darlaston:	Councillor Burley
Willenhall:	Councillor Cook

Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference

The following nominations were made (Councillor Bott abstaining):-

Councillor Longhi	32 votes
Councillor Phillips	15 votes

Resolved

That Councillor Longhi be appointed to serve on the Investigation of Air Pollution Standing Conference for 2005/2006.

New Deal Board

The following nominations were made (Councillor Bott abstaining):-

Councillor Tweddle	32 votes
Councillor Phillips	15 votes

Resolved

That Councillor Tweddle be appointed to serve on the New Deal Board for 2005/2006.

Black Country Museum Trust Limited

The following nominations were made (Councillors Bott, Bentley, Cook, E.E. Pitt, D.A. Shires, I. Shires and Woodruff abstaining):-

Councillor Perry	32 votes
Councillor Underhill	15 votes

Resolved

That Councillor Perry be appointed to serve on the Black Country Museum Trust for 2005/2006.

(b) Charities

Resolved

That the following members be appointed to serve on the following Charities for 2005/2006:

Walsall Enterprise Trust

Councillors Beilby, Coughlan, Rochelle

Roger Hinton's Charity

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor

(c) Advisory and statutory bodies

Adoption Panel

Councillors Beilby, Paul

School Organisation Committee

Councillors Bird, Cassidy, Chambers, Micklewright, Munir, E.E. Pitt, Walker

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

Councillors Ault, Bentley, Munir, Phillips, Rochelle, Withnall, Yasin

Walsall Education Board

Councillors Cassidy, Hughes, E.E. Pitt

Walsall Admission Forum

Councillors Chambers, E.E. Pitt, Turner, Walker

23. Recommendations of Cabinet

(1) Crime Disorder and Drugs Strategy

The report to Cabinet was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor M.G. Pitt, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That the new Crime, Disorder and Drugs Strategy of the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership be approved as the strategic framework for the Council and its partners to prioritise actions and programmes for tackling crime, drugs misuse and anti-social behaviour over the period 2005 – 2008.

(2) Housing Strategy 2005-2008

The report to Cabinet was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor M.G. Pitt, duly seconded and:

Resolved

That the final version of the Council's updated Housing Strategy 2005-2008 be approved.

24. Review of Scrutiny Activity 2004/2005

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

That the summary of scrutiny activity for the 2004/2005 municipal year be noted and that this will inform the further development of the Council's scrutiny function.

25. Council Performance Plan

The report was submitted.

It was **moved** by Councillor O'Hare, duly seconded and:-

Resolved

- (1) That the draft plan for publication before 30th June 2005 be approved.
- (2) That the Executive Director (Finance, Law and Performance) be delegated authority to finalise the plan prior to publication in line with legislative requirements.

The meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.